



**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**March 15, 2017 at 10:30 AM**  
**St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce**  
**Ft. Pierce, FL**

**Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Linda Hudson, President Ann Kagdis, Mayor Joel Tyson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Councilman Gary Ritter, Commissioner Vinny Barile, Councilman Robert Auwaerter Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons, Mayor Thomas Campenni and Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken.

**Board Members absent, excused:** Mayor Bob McPartlan, Councilman Anthony Young.

**Others in attendance:** Alex Price from Comcast Communications, Mayor Dowling Watford and Monte de Orca from Okeechobee, Denise Serels and Lynne Barletta , guest speakers.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Linda Hudson at 10:32 am. Mayor Hudson asked Mayor Tyson to lead the group with an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self-introduction of members and guests.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent agenda approval was moved by Vice President Campenni, seconded by Board Member Kagdis. Approved unanimously.

**President's Report:** President Hudson briefly reported on the Advocacy Trip to Tallahassee but deferred to discuss further during the FLC report at the end of the agenda.

President Hudson reported that she attended the Safe Cities, Safe Florida Summit in Boca Raton. Board Member Kagdis also attended. She reported that it wasn't what she thought it would be.

**Special Presentation:** – Denise Serels from Catch the Wave of Hope, “Human Trafficking” spoke about the issue.

**Resolutions:**

2017R - 004 Resolution of Preemption of Municipal Home Rule Powers. Motion to approve was made by Board Member Caraballo, seconded by Vice President Campenni. Motion passed unanimously.

2017R – 005 Consideration of the Lake Okeechobee Compact Initiative. Motion was made by Board Member Kagdis, seconded by Board Member Ritter. Motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business:**

**Audit Report:** Treasurer Barile reported that an audit of the 2016 books was conducted by himself, Vice President Campenni and Board Member Kagdis. President Hudson was also present as ex-officio. The conclusion was that the books were accurate and balanced. A motion to except the Audit report was made by Vice President Campenni, seconded by Board Member Kagdis. Motion passed unanimously.

**Update on Seacoast Bank Certificate of Deposit:** Treasurer Barile reported that the CD was due to rollover. The interest rate was .25% for a 1 year CD. In discussing the issue with the bank, he was told that a 5-year CD would yield a 1% interest rate. It was moved by Board Member Caraballo, seconded by Vice President Campenni to go with the 5-year CD. Motion passed unanimously.

**By - Law Committee Report:** Board Member Gibbons reported that the committee met and that there would be a new policy presented for Travel Reimbursement at the next meeting for final approval.

**Scholarship Committee Report:** Board Member Kagdis reported that the Scholarship Committee met and reviewed the applicants presented by IRSC. After discussion, a motion to award Brandon Young with the Scholarship was made by Board Member Kagdis, seconded by Vice President Campenni. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Directors Report:** Patricia Christensen spoke about the issues in Tallahassee. She also reminded everyone about the Ethics Class scheduled for April 20.

The Tallahassee discussion included the Florida League of Cities Report and the Treasure Coast Advocacy Team. Another trip is being made to Tallahassee the week of March 22.

**Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Board Member Tyson that Nicole Fogarty gave a detailed report

Associate Member Announcements Alex Price from Comcast spoke briefly about his grant program.

Adjournment for lunch at 11:45

Minutes respectfully submitted

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Ingrid Van Hekken, Secretary - March 15, 2017